

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Waukegan

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

no additional - however, bear in mind that the
countryside environment for people is sacrificed
for city folks who will not have their
environment intruded upon.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☒ Other: recreational

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

wetlands, wildlife, health issues regarding
stray voltage (migraine headaches)

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-038-003 | River valleys are wildlife corridors - bird
I-038-002 | migration corridors - these transmission lines
are visually ugly.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-038-001

No. Who needs this electricity - of course we all do - However, don't "bet the farm" on continued growth of U.S. population and economy.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-038-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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I-038-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-038-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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